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Algebra 1 - Tutorial 4

Basic Training Cycle
Algebraic Structures

Exercise 1

Let $G =]-1, 1[$. We define for all elements x and y of G :

$$x * y = \frac{x + y}{1 + xy}.$$

- 1** Verify that $*$ is an associative binary operation on G .
- 2** Show that $(G, *)$ is a group. Is it commutative?
- 3** Provide an expression for x^{*n} .

Exercise 2

We equip $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ with the binary operation:

$$(x, y) * (x', y') = (xx' - yy', xy' + x'y).$$

- 1** Show that $(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}, *)$ is a group on $,$ and that the curve defined by the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ is a subgroup of $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$, which we will denote by C .
- 2** Show that $f : (x, y) \rightarrow x + iy$ is a group isomorphism from $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$ into \mathbb{C}^\times , bijectively mapping C onto the subgroup of complex numbers with modulus 1.
- 3** Show that $\theta \rightarrow (\cos(\theta), \sin(\theta))$ is a surjective group homomorphism from \mathbb{R} to C . What is its kernel?

Exercise 3

We denote by $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ the set of real numbers of the form $a + b\sqrt{3}$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- 1** Show that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ is a subring of $(\mathbb{R}, +, \times)$.
- 2** Show that the function

$$f : \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}^2 & \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] \\ (a, b) & \mapsto a + b\sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

is a group isomorphism from $(\mathbb{Z}^2, +)$ to the group $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}], +)$.

- 3** For every $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$, there exists a unique pair $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that $x = a + b\sqrt{3}$.
 - (a) For every real number $x = a + b\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ with $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, the conjugate of x , denoted \tilde{x} , is the real number $a - b\sqrt{3}$. Show that the function

$$g : \begin{cases} \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] & \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] \\ x & \mapsto \tilde{x} \end{cases}$$

is a ring automorphism.

- (b) For every $x = a + b\sqrt{3} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ with $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, define $N(x) = x\bar{x}$. Verify that for all $(x, y) \in (\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}])^2$, $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$.
- (c) Show that $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ is invertible if and only if $N(x) = 1$ or $N(x) = -1$. What is its inverse in each case?